higher Mess charges whenever the prices increase?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). No such scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Welfare.

Shortage of Power in Haryana

2809. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any gas based power plant in Haryana preferably near Delhi to meet power shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). A proposal has been received from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up a gas based combined cycle power project (800 MW) in Faridabad district of Haryana. The proposal has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to certain conditions including gas linkage, clearance from environmetal and forests angle etc. Ministry of Environment and Forests has accorded its clearance for the project in June, 1990. The project was considered by the Central Electricity Authority for variable load operation. A decision has since been taken that the gas power stations should operate on base load. The project will require tying up of gas linkage for operation under base load. The present estimated cost of the project including associated transmission system is Rs. 1349.11 crores based on 4th quarter 1990 price level.

Intruders from Pakistan

2810. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of intruders from Pakistan arrested since last four months;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to close all the sensitive borders in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

(b) and (c). Serveral steps have been taken to improve the vigil on the border. These include construction of fencing and floodlighting, reducing gaps between borer outposts, increasing petrols and nakas, construction of OP Towers; providing night vision devices and other electronic equipments to BSF; erecting wire obstacles etc.

[*Translation*]

Doordarshan to Compete B.B.C. and C.N.N.

2812. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan is unable

to face the competition from the institutions such as B.B.C., C.N.N. due to everday changing T.V. techniques, high power Telecast Technique and because of its out-dated and unpopular programmes; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to raise the standard of Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b): No, Sir. Constant efforts continue to be made to upgrade the technology and to bring about qualitative improvement in the programme content and format of Doordarshan so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

[*English*]

Assistance from Voluntary Organisation to Check Alcohol and Drug Abuse

2813. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn any Comprehensive Scheme to involve voluntary Organisations for the purpose of alcohol and drug abuse prevention; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the "Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention". Under this scheme grant-in-aid upto 90% of the expenditure of the approved Project is admissible to Social Welfare Organisations for providing services such as indentification, treatment, counseling, follow-up, rehabilitation, awareness, education etc., for drug abuse prevention, besides education work for prohibition. So far, 112 Counselling Centres, 44 de-addiction Centres and 10 After Care Centres have been set up under this scheme in various parts of the country.

Computerisation of NSS Accounts in Bangalore

2814. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to computerise the N.S.S. accounts in Bangalore city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal to computerise N.S.S. Accounts in Bangalore is under examination at present.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Criteria for Advertisements of U.P.S.C.

2815. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for giving advertisements of Union Public Service Commission to the newspapers;

(b) when the latest list of newspapers was prepared for giving advertisements therein;

(c) the time by when the new newspapers are likely to be included therein;

(d) whether priority is given to the